

What is claimed is:

1. A security system comprising an information management system for managing information and an encryption support system for supporting encryption of information in the information management system,
  - 5 the encryption support system including an encryption rule storing portion for storing rule information that indicates an encryption rule of the
  - 10 information for each secret level that is a level of wanting to keep information secret,
  - 15 an encryption data transmitting portion for transmitting encryption data that is necessary for encrypting information in accordance with the rule to the information management system,
  - 20 a process information receiving portion for receiving process information that indicates the encryption process performed by the information management system from the information management system,
  - 25 a monitoring portion for monitoring whether or not the encryption of information is performed in accordance with the rule by the information management system on the basis of the process information received from the information management system, and
  - 30 a warning portion for warning the information management system that was found to encrypt information not in accordance with the rule by the monitoring portion to do encryption of information in accordance with the rule, and

an encryption data receiving portion for receiving  
the encryption data from the encryption support system,

5       a classification secret level storing portion for  
          storing classification of information managed by the  
information management system in connection with the  
secret level for each of the classification,

10      an encrypting portion for encrypting information  
          managed by the information management system by using the  
          encryption data of the secret level corresponding to the  
classification of the information received by the  
encryption data receiving portion,

15      an information storing portion for storing the  
          information encrypted by the encrypting portion, and  
          a process information transmitting portion for  
transmitting the process information about the encryption  
performed by the encrypting portion to the encryption  
support system.

2. The security system according to claim 1,  
wherein the rule information indicates the rule including  
20     an encryption system that is used for encryption and a  
valid term of an encryption key that is used for the  
encryption,

25     if a period since the information management system  
          encrypted information until the present time exceeds the  
valid term relevant to the rule of the secret level  
corresponding to the classification of the information,

the warning portion warns the information management  
system,

30     if the encryption system that is indicated in the  
rule information is changed,

the encryption data transmitting portion transmits the encryption data for performing encryption with the changed encryption system to the information management system, and

5       the warning portion warns to perform encryption of information in accordance with the changed encryption system.

3. The security system according to claim 1, wherein the information management system includes  
10       a classification secret level transmitting portion for transmitting classification secret level information that indicates classification of information managed by the information management system and the secret level corresponding to the classification to the encryption support system, and

the monitoring portion performs the monitoring by comparing the process information received from the information management system with the classification secret level information.

20       4. The security system according to claim 1, further comprising a valid term managing portion for managing a valid term of a certification for affixing an electronic signature to information, wherein

25       the monitoring portion monitors whether or not it is necessary to reaffix the electronic signature to the information in accordance with the valid term of the certification, and

30       the warning portion warns the information management system for managing the information to reaffix the electronic signature if it is decided that it is necessary

to reaffix the electronic signature.

5. An information management system for managing information by receiving support for encrypting information, the support being provided by an encryption support system, comprising:

a receiving portion for receiving rule information that indicates an encryption rule of information defined for each secret level that is a level of wanting to keep information secret and encryption data that are necessary  
10 for encrypting information in accordance with the rule from the encryption support system;

a classification secret level storing portion for storing classification of information managed by the information management system for each classification in  
15 connection with the secret level;

an encrypting portion for encrypting information managed by the information management system by using the encryption data of the secret level corresponding to the classification of the information received by the  
20 receiving portion;

an information storing portion for storing the information encrypted by the encrypting portion; and

a process information transmitting portion for transmitting process information that indicates the  
25 encryption process performed by the encrypting portion to the encryption support system so as to receive a check whether or not the encryption of the information was performed in accordance with the rule.

6. An encryption support system for supporting an  
30 information management system for managing information to

encrypt information, the encryption support system comprising:

an encryption rule storing portion for storing rule information that indicates an encryption rule of the  
5 information for each secret level that is a level of wanting to keep information secret;

10 a transmitting portion for transmitting encryption data that is necessary for encrypting information in accordance with the rule to the information management system;

a receiving portion for receiving process information that indicates the encryption process performed by the information management system from the information management system;

15 a monitoring portion for monitoring whether or not the encryption of information is performed in accordance with the rule by the information management system on the basis of the process information received from the information management system; and

20 a warning portion for warning the information management system that was found to encrypt information not in accordance with the rule by the monitoring portion to do encryption of information in accordance with the rule.

25 7. An encryption support system according to claim 6, further comprising a validity monitoring portion for monitoring validity of an encryption rule that is used currently in accordance with vulnerability information about vulnerability of security received from a security  
30 information providing portion, wherein

the transmitting portion transmits the encryption data for changing the rule appropriately to the information management system if it is decided that the encryption rule that is used currently has little validity.

5        8. A computer program product for use in a computer supporting encryption of information for an information management system that manages information, the computer program product comprising:

means for transmitting rule information that  
10 indicates an encryption rule of the information for each secret level that is a level of wanting to keep information secret and encryption data that is necessary for encrypting information in accordance with the rule to the information management system;

15        means for receiving process information that indicates the encryption process performed by the information management system from the information management system;

means for monitoring whether or not the encryption  
20 of information is performed in accordance with the rule by the information management system on the basis of the process information received from the information management system; and

means for warning the information management system  
25 that was found to encrypt information not in accordance with the rule by the monitoring means to do encryption of information in accordance with the rule.